

## SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

There were no surprise results last weekend, although Belmont-Swansea gave premiership leaders Weston, some anxious moments after conceding ground advantage they were only defeated 2-3.

Merewether is at home to Pan Hellenic on Saturday and the visitors should have no difficulty in annexing the two points but a slow improvement being shown by the Merewether forwards will not allow Pan Hellenic to take this match easily.

Each of the Sunday should prove very interesting and attractive. The first being at Jesmond, where the home team will be opposed to Belmont-Swansea. Only one point separates these two teams who both have a chance of making the semi-finals, so a win to either team is vital and important. Belmont-Swansea has a slightly better goal average than Jesmond and for that reason I think they may have just a very slight advantage.

Weston journey to Kearsley and ordinarily should have no difficulty in winning this match, as eleven points separate the two teams, but Kearsley ground, particularly after rain, is difficult to handle, so it will all depend upon the ability of Weston players to adjust themselves to the conditions of the day. Weston should have a comfortable win, but this could be the day when an upset could occur.

Charlestown will be at home to Slavia United and the visitors should be able to record another win.

Dudley-Redhead journey to Young Wallsend and with one point separating these two teams, another close vital game should be witnessed. This match will be a toss up as to who the ultimate winner will be, as Dudley-Redhead has apparently stronger forwards and weaker defence compared with the weaker forwards and stronger defence of Young Wallsend, so it should really develop into a battle of probing in an

endeavour to penetrate and a drawn game would not surprise me.

This weekend sees the commencement of the second round in the Third Division holding a slender lead of one point from Bellbird, followed by Nelson Bay then South Wallsend, then Toronto Diggers, with a point separating each team.

Saturday will see two matches played, the deferred fixture, Barnsley v. Macquarie Wanderers and what could be a very attractive fixture, Hamilton Azzuri v. Toronto Diggers. Four points separate these teams, so Azzuri should win the match, but the Diggers will be making an all out bid for a win, as they know Macquarie Wanderers, with two matches to play, could move ahead of them on the premiership table. So far Azzuri have proved superior in all departments, but the Diggers are a young team and speed may possibly upset the opposition.

The Entrance will entertain Macquarie Wanderers and although the visitors will have had a hard match the day before, they should have no difficulty in returning home with the two points.

Stockton will be the venue on Sunday for another interesting clash, when Nelson Bay meet Bellbird, as there is practically nothing between these two teams, although Nelson Bay lost a point with an unexpected draw, but the week prior to that, both teams were on equal points. Bellbird goal scorers were 44-14, compared 45-17. Whilst I favour Bellbird to win, ground advantage may be a big asset to Nelson Bay and could swing the tide in their favour.

The clash of the students will take place at Tighes Lege meets Newcastle Hill, when Teachers' College meets Newcastle Tech. and this should result in a win for the visitors.

The remaining fixture sees Barnsley at home to Stockton and this should result in a win to Barnsley.

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## It's black from now on for Referees!

Things are going to be black from now on for our referees. Where once they were white as the driven snow, now they are being forced to regard things in more sombre hues. In fact, it is a black future for them.

This is the weekend when the tooters discard their all-white uniform of shirts and shorts and go into black garb.

This brings Newcastle's referees into line with the rest of the Soccer-playing world.

We had a preview of the new uniform when the Northern XI played Everton at Newcastle Sportsground a few weeks ago and right smart did the referee and linesmen look.

The new lack-lustre uniform is designed to make a referee less conspicuous. It has been proved, over the years overseas, that the all black dress does tend to make an official less notice-

able. And that, of course, is the ideal, although one doubts that some of the referees will be satisfied to remain out of the picture, as it were, and will make sure they are noticed by blowing longer and louder blasts on their whistles. But the majority will do the right thing and seek to keep themselves out of the limelight.

Those who do not should be disciplined by their own association.

But, perhaps, the tooters will, clad in inconspicuous uniform, be able to convince us that black, after all, is white and that they are not as black as some disgruntled supporters would paint them.

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## Last Week's Results

**FIRST DIVISION.**—Mayfield United 0, Newcastle Austral 3; Maitland 0, Lake Macquarie 1; Wallsend 4, Adamstown 1; Cardiff 2, Awaba 3; Cessnock 1, West Wallsend 2.

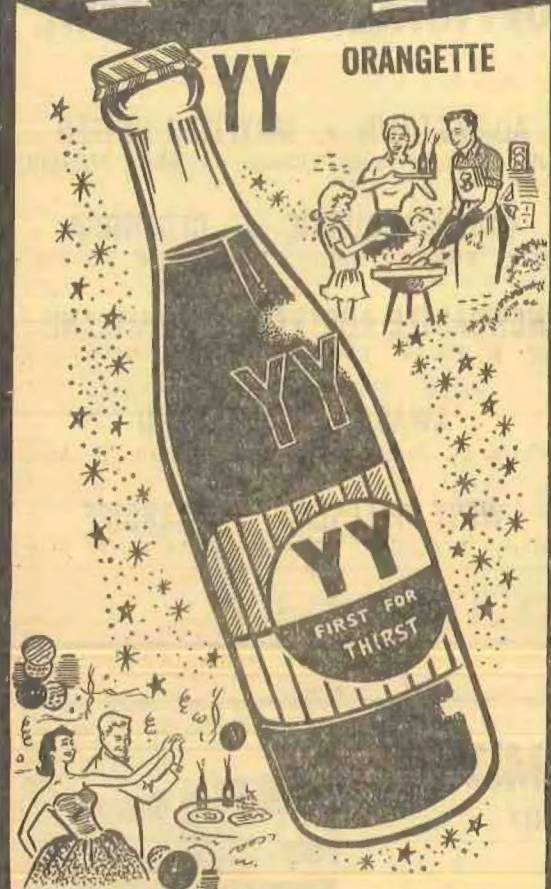
**ALLIANCE LEAGUE.**—Cessnock 3, West Wallsend 0; Cardiff 2, Awaba 2; Wallsend 0, Adamstown 0; Maitland 0, Lake Macquarie 2; Mayfield United 2, Newcastle Austral 0.

**SECOND DIVISION.**—Jesmond 0, Belmont-Swansea 0; Kearsley 4, Weston 5; Charlestown 3, Slavia United 2; Young Wallsend 0, Dudley-Redhead 2; Merewether 4, Pan Hellenic 6.

**SECOND DIVISION.**—Reserve grade: Merewether 0, Pan Hellenic 4; Jesmond 3, Belmont-Swansea 5; Kearsley 3, Weston 3; Charlestown 4, Slavia United 0; Young Wallsend 1, Dudley-Redhead 1.

**THIRD DIVISION.**—Barnsley 8, Stockton 1; The Entrance 0, Macquarie Wanderers 5; Newcastle Teachers' College 2, Newcastle Tech. College 3; Hamilton Azzuri 1, Toronto Diggers 0. Deferred match: Barnsley 4, Macquarie Wanderers 2.

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## LEADING GOAL SCORERS

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**WALLSEND (32 goals):** K. Whitmore 12, R. Giles 12.

**AUSTRAL (32):** K. Twidle 10, W. Paton 15.

**AWABA (31):** R. Burgoyne 10, G. Pinches 7.

**ADAMSTOWN (30):** A. Simmons 6, W. Cook 6, R. Howells 4, C. Curran 4.

**LAKE MACQUARIE (24):** A. Pajkovic 9, T. Hinchcliffe 7.

**WEST WALLSEND (25):** K. Irwin 5, D. Ahrens 5, W. Green 4.

**MAYFIELD (22):** K. McGuinness 5, A. Skelly 4.

**CARDIFF (21):** D. Schio 8, M. Black 4.

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**CESSNOCK (19):** B. Williams 6, J. Barr 4.

**MAITLAND (13):** N. Scott 6.



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## NORTHERN LEAGUE TO CRACK DOWN ON TROUBLE-MAKERS

By PAUL MACKENZIE

The Northern Soccer League, disturbed at some untoward incidents during matches recently, will crack down with a very heavy on such happenings and will not countenance any kind of unseemly conduct.

That is how it should be!

There is no place in our Soccer for brawls or unseemly conduct — no room for malcontents who cannot, or will not, accept a referee's decision, no matter how wrong it might seem to be — and they are not wanted.

It is not our place to discuss reports of alleged happenings at Charlestown on Sunday or claims that stones were thrown at a linesman at Cardiff on the same day. The Northern League will be discussing those matters officially so we must wait on the outcome of those hearings and refrain from discussing them since it would be prejudicial to the proceedings to do so. Neither can we make

more than passing reference to a decision which has brought about the suspension of a leading Northern referee till the end of the season since, we understand, there is the possibility of further official action.

But the fact that official action is necessary since the incidents have occurred, is within our province.

The North has been markedly free from the type of happenings which has brought Soccer in most other cities into disfavour and it is a record of which those who control the game can well be proud. But, in the last few weeks, there has been a tendency for this kind of unwanted conduct to creep into some matches. And it must stop.

You can take it from us that it will stop!

The Northern League will have none of it and will not hesitate to deal trenchantly with anyone proved guilty of fomenting troubles.

Fights are for stadiums, not for football grounds, and spectators do not pay hard-earned cash to watch fisticuffs.

Mr. Sam Delves, President of the Northern Soccer League, is firm on the matter. While refusing to discuss any of the recent happenings, since they are a matter for the League's inquiry, Mr. Delves told "Northern Soccer News" — "I am disappointed that anything of this nature is creeping into our football, which has been remarkably free of the type of incident which has produced most unfavourable publicity in many other Soccer centres. We have never been hesitant in our attitude and it is well-known, or should be, that

the Northern League will not, for a moment, close its eyes to anything which could bring our game into disrepute. If it is necessary to dismiss or expel an individual or a club for their part in creating unsavoury disturbance, you can rest assured that is the action which will be taken, regardless of the club or the individual."

"The game is greater than the club or the individual and we will not allow Rafferty to rule in the North, no matter what he might get away with anywhere else," said Mr. Delves. "Soccer is gaining each week in its following, but it will not make any progress if the conduct of matches and the conduct of the players is not such that it will attract the people. The ordinary sporting enthusiast will not for long go to brawls, fights and such "happenings."

"THE NORTHERN LEAGUE WILL NOT STAND FOR IT AND CLUBS SHOULD REALISE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND ENSURE THAT OUR ACTION IS

NOT NEEDED. BUT IF SHALL NOT HESITATE TO TAKE IT," SAID MR. DELVES.

That's the stuff to give the troops!

As Mr. Delves said, the clubs bear the responsibility to see that not only their players keep within the bounds but also that spectators at their grounds do not provoke trouble. The onus is on them to ensure that the Northern League is not called on to inquire into happenings at their grounds.

The Northern League warning is a general one. Those clubs who do shoulder their responsibilities have no reason for fear, but those who are different should take heed for, if they do not do as they are required to do in the matter of controlling matches on their grounds, they can blame none but themselves if the axe topples on them — as it most assuredly will if they are lax.

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## LAKES INCREASE POINTS LEAD

Lake Macquarie has gone farther ahead in the Northern Soccer League First Division premiership and, with a five points lead from Wallsend and Adamstown and only seven series of matches to play, seems certain to win the pennant.

While form has been generally topsy-turvy, it has not been so in Lake Macquarie's case. It has held steadily to its position and while it might have scrapped home in a few games it has nevertheless won them.

Any side which can go through 11 matches in the Northern competition without being beaten is a really good team and deserving all the bouquets which come its way.

Lake Macquarie meets Cessnock at Speer's Point on Sunday and, while Cessnock is certainly an improved side, Lake Macquarie should hold its unbeaten record. The Lake team's big test comes a week later when it has home ground advantage for its match against Newcastle Austral which, at this stage, seems to be carrying all before it.

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Wallsend regained second place when it defeated Adamstown on Sunday, its goal average being better than that of the Rosebud team.

Newcastle Austral goes into fourth place because it has a better goal average than that of Awaba, with which it is level in points.

Austral's average is 1.3 and Awaba's 1.1.

There are four sides sharing last place on the points table, each with seven points and the battle to avoid relegation is really on. It seems certain that percentages and averages will again play a part in determining team positions, both at the top and bottom of the table. Here is how it works out among the four bottom sides — West Wallsend .80; Cessnock .76; Cardiff .63; Maitland .48. And that's close enough for anyone.

The top four teams in the Alliance League draw matches last weekend, so there is no change in places. But Lake Macquarie, a winner at Maitland, has drawn level with Cardiff in fourth place and is coming into semi-final calculations.

Weston was flat out to hold its three-point lead on the Second Division points score table for, last Sunday, Kearsley, playing with 10

men for most of the second half, gave Weston an outsized shock, going down 4-5 in the end.

Pan-Hellenic remains in second place on the table but has moved farther away from the third team, now Dudley-Redhead, which has displaced Young Wallsend. The Young Wallsend XI has dropped from third to fifth, Belmont-Swansea being the fourth side on the list.

Belmont-Swansea gained a point on Weston, its near-

est challenger, in the Second Division reserve grade when Weston was able to do no more than draw with Kearsley on Sunday while Charlestown, a 4-nil winner against Slavia United, also drew closer to Weston.

### CLUB NOTES

A new toilet block is being built by Lake Macquarie Club at Macquarie Oval. Built on the hillside, they will provide further amenities for patrons.

Soccer supporters are advised of a Cabaret to be held by the Lakes Club on July 18 at the R.M.Y.C. Toronto. Comperes for the Cabaret will be the Provost Brothers.

### ALLIANCE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
WALLSEND	11	8	2	1	40	13	18
AWABA	11	7	3	1	28	8	17
ADAMSTOWN	11	7	3	1	37	11	17
CARDIFF	11	5	3	3	25	17	13
LAKE MACQ.	11	6	1	4	30	22	13
CESSNOCK	11	5	2	4	16	16	12
WEST WALLSEND	11	3	2	6	21	25	8
MAYFIELD	11	2	2	7	17	33	6
AUSTRAL	11	1	1	9	8	34	3
MAITLAND	11	1	1	9	14	57	3
TOTALS	110	45	20	45	236	236	110

### THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
HAMILTON AZZURRI	12	10	1	1	31	9	21
BELLBIRD	12	10	0	2	51	17	20
STH. WALLSEND	12	9	0	3	33	22	18
NELSON BAY	12	8	1	3	47	19	17
MACQ. WANDERERS	12	7	2	3	55	17	16
TOR. DIGGERS	12	8	0	4	28	18	15
BARNSELY	12	7	0	5	43	30	14
NEWCASTLE TECH.	12	4	2	6	19	40	10
THE ENTRANCE	12	3	1	8	22	63	7
STOCKTON	12	2	0	10	21	71	4
TEACHERS' COLL.	12	1	0	11	17	61	2
TOTALS	132	69	7	56	367	367	144

### NORTHERN LEAGUE POINTS TABLE

	HOME MATCHES							AWAY MATCHES							TOTALS						
	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.		W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
LAKE MACQUARIE	4	1	0	13	5	9		4	2	0	12	8	10		11	8	3	0	25	13	19
WALLSEND	6	0	0	27	5	12		0	2	3	9	14	2		11	6	2	3	36	19	14
ADAMSTOWN	5	0	0	19	10	10		1	2	3	11	18	4		11	6	2	3	30	28	14
AUSTRAL	4	0	1	21	11	8		2	1	3	11	13	5		11	6	1	4	32	24	13
AWABA	3	1	1	13	8	7		3	0	3	18	19	6		11	6	1	4	31	27	13
MAYFIELD	2	3	1	14	14	7		1	0	4	8	13	2		11	3	3	5	22	27	9
WEST WALLSEND	2	0	3	14	16	4		1	1	4	11	15	3		11	3	1	7	25	31	7
CESSNOCK	1	3	2	13	14	5		1	0	4	7	12	2		11	2	3	6	20	26	7
CARDIFF	3	1	2	13	9	7		0	0	5	8	24	0		11	3	1	7	21	33	7
MAITLAND	2	0	4	4	12	4		1	1	3	9	15	3		11	3	1	7	13	27	7
TOTALS	32	9	14	151	104	73		14	9	32	104	151	37		110	46	18	46	255	255	110

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### SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
WESTON	11	11	0	0	55	15	22
PAN HELLENIC	11	9	1	1	41	11	19
DUDLEY-RED.	11	6	1	4	34	32	13
BELMONT-SWAN.	11	5	2	4	29	21	12
YOUNG WALL.	11	4	4	3	19	35	12
JESMOND	11	4	3	4	22	22	11
KEARSLEY	11	4	1	6	23	25	9
SLAVIA UTD.	11	3	1	7	14	27	7
CHARLESTOWN	11	1	2	8	15	40	4
MEREWETHER	11	0	1	10	16	50	1
TOTALS	110	47	16	47	278	278	110

### SECOND DIVISION—RESERVE GRADE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
BELMONT-SWAN.	11	9	1	1	45	11	19
WESTON	11	8	1	2	38	13	17
CHARLESTOWN	11	7	2	2	30	18	16
DUDLEY-RED.	11	6	1	4	34	20	13
YOUNG WALL.	11	5	2	4	25	21	12
SLAVIA UTD.	11	4	2	5	21	32	10
PAN HELLENIC	11	3	2	6	21	29	8
KEARSLEY	11	2	4	5	17	27	8
JESMOND	11	3	1	7	22	29	7
MEREWETHER	11	0	0	11	3	56	0
TOTALS	110	47	16	47	256	256	110

### NORTHERN SOCCER LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST DIVISION.—Saturday: Mayfield United v. Awaba. Sunday: Cessnock v. Cardiff; Wallsend v. West Wallsend; Maitland v. Adamstown; Lake Macquarie v. Newcastle Austral.

ALLIANCE LEAGUE.—Fixtures as in First Division premiership.

SECOND DIVISION.—Jesmond v. Kearsley; Charlestown v. Belmont-Swansea; Merewether v. Weston; Young Wallsend v. Slavia United; Dudley-Redhead v. Pan Hellenic.

SECOND DIVISION.—Reserve grade: Fixtures as in Second Division, as early matches.

THIRD DIVISION.—Hamilton Azzuri v. The Entrance; Nelson Bay v. Toronto Diggers; Newcastle Teachers' College v. Macquarie Wanderers; Barnsley v. Bellbird; South Wallsend v. Stockton; Newcastle Tech. College, bye.

### FIRST DIVISION MATCHES AND TEAMS

SATURDAY, JULY 4

#### ADAMSTOWN v. MAYFIELD UNITED

White with Red & Green	Green with White
1. J. DORMAN	1. K. MINTER
2. J. McANALLY	2. B. SMITH
3. B. DAYKIN	3. A. WEST
4. J. EASTON	4. W. SHEEHAN
5. B. CLARKE	5. R. BOSLEM
6. J. POWER	6. A. LAMBKIN
7. D. JOHNS	7. B. LEWSAM
8. R. BAARTZ	8. R. PRICE
9. R. HOWELLS	9. K. McGUINNESS
10. W. COOK	10. A. SKELLEY
11. C. CURRAN	11. K. ROSS

Ref.: L. Mottershead. L'men.: G. Muir, H. Hall.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

#### LAKE MACQUARIE v. CESSNOCK

White with Blue & Gold	Gold with Black
1. K. GABRIEL	1. M. ROBERTS
2. J. HITCHCOCK	2. C. ALMOND
3. R. CLUNE	3. K. ROWBOTTOM
4. J. WOODS	4. A. JOHNS
5. J. WELLHAM	5. T. SNEDDON
6. L. WALSH	6. T. BARR
7. J. DOYLE	7. W. THOMPSON
8. W. WRIGHT	8. J. LENNARD
9. T. PAJKOVIC	9. J. BARR
10. G. HINCHCLIFFE	10. D. WILLIAMS
11. J. KING	11. J. PEEL

Ref.: A. Roberts. L'men.: D. Thompson, W. Gardiner.

#### NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL v. MAITLAND

Mauve with White	White with Black
1. J. LANZONI	1. M. BAMBACH
2. E. SOKOLOWSKI	2. L. BUSH
3. R. DEAN	3. S. ELLENBACHER
4. J. DOOLAN	4. J. SNAITH
5. R. McKENZIE	5. F. RAUCH
6. R. LLOYD	6. M. PARKER
7. K. TWIDLE	7. W. McQUEENIE
8. W. BARON	8. J. MEIER
9. T. GARRETT	9. N. SCOTT
10. W. HARVEY	10. H. SCHNEIDER
11. W. PATON	11. K. FREW

Ref.: K. Urwin. Linesmen: W. Jones, W. Turner.

#### AWABA v. WALLSEND

Blue with Gold Stripes	Red with White
1. J. SMITH	1. A. HOURIGAN
2. R. HITCHCOCK	2. D. McKENZIE
3. W. FIELD	3. K. NOLAN
4. R. REYNOLDS	4. W. DAVIES
5. J. PRETSWELL	5. D. MORROW
6. L. SHARP	6. D. BULLEN
7. G. PINCHES	7. B. MORROW
8. D. FIELD	8. R. GILES
9. R. BURGOYNE	9. K. WHITMORE
10. H. GOODSIR	10. G. GREEN
11. B. SHARP	11. K. PRINGLE

Referee: A. Brown. Linesmen: P. Bird, T. Ayre.

#### WEST WALLSEND v. CARDIFF

Blue with White	Tangerine with White
1. W. ARMSTRONG	1. G. TAYLOR
2. R. COOPER	2. A. HOWE
3. A. WILSON	3. J. McNAIRN
4. R. HUGHES	4. J. O'BRIEN
5. B. PEARCE	5. T. ICETON
6. K. WOODS	6. C. MOORE
7. W. GREEN	7. M. BLACK
8. K. IRWIN	8. A. REID
9. D. AHRENS	9. D. SCHIO
10. T. YEATS	10. R. NEAL
11. J. SHEEN	11. J. SNEDDON

Referee: J. Carlin. Linesmen: F. Myles, C. Jack.



## SYDNEY MORNING HERALD BESTS AND FAIREST POINTS

Wallsend v. Adamstown

- 3: J. McNally (A.).  
2: D. Morrow (W.).  
1: N. Pringle (W.).

West Wallsend v. Cessnock

- 3: K. Rowbottom (C.).  
2: T. Yeats (W.W.).  
1: W. Armstrong (W.W.).

Newcastle Austral v.  
Mayfield United

- 3: R. McKenzie (N.A.).  
2: R. Jackson (M.).  
1: J. Doolan (N.A.).

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## News from Gunnedah . .

Neither Gunnedah nor Armidale could breach the opposing defence with effective shots in their first clash in the Acropolis Cup.

Although both teams went very close to scoring several times, the result was a scoreless draw, a true indication of the game.

Armidale won the reserve grade (Browning Cup) 4-0 and Gunnedah Under 18 (Northern League Cup) 2-0.

Gunnedah will have to play better at Armidale next Sunday to get into the Cup finals in Acropolis and Browning, and hold their own in the Northern League Cup.

The local Saturday competitions are developing more into a semi-final race than minor-premiership battle. Ajax is well clear in Under 8, Wolseley Independents in Under 19, and 12, Ajax in Under 14, Curlewis in Under 18 and Wolseley Independents in All Age. The other teams are collecting their points and some could quite easily displace the present leaders within the next few weeks.

Some interesting points in the competition show that Curlewis Under 8 have gained 6 points without scoring a goal. Wolseley Independents Under 10, have not conceded a goal in seven matches while they have scored 27 goals while winning all seven games. Their Under 12 is in a similar position, with six wins and a scoreless draw, scoring 22 goals to nil.

In Under 14, Wolseley Independents still field a full

team each week, although they have only scored three goals for conceded 50 to gain one point for a draw. In the same grade, Ajax have scored 33 for and one against.

There is a trophy for the junior team with the best record, so a few goals one way or another could make a lot of difference in the next few weeks.

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Letter to the Editor—

## Why Westy lost Conway

As an ex official of Westy Club, I asked permission to reply to the article in last week's Soccer News, re Gordon Conway's resignation at coach.

When Mr. Conway resigned, the Club did not rush in to print, to give their side of the case, but were prepared to let it die peacefully.

I will in reply, endeavour to stick to the facts.

The selectors were instructed by the Committee to pick their team and stick to it. Mr. Conway was invited to the meeting, but did not attend, sending a letter stating that he wanted to be sole selector and he would take full responsibility. This was refused by the Committee, so the coach resigned.

Fortunately the ship did not sink. After losing six matches running, the team

scored their first win.

Ironically the two players from Sydney, Tom Yeates and K. Woods, who travelled up at weekends, played a very big part in the hard won victory, along with their other nine team mates.

Mr. Conway might not know that 72 years ago, Westy Club was formed and in 1900, 1901, 1921, 1923, 1924, 1926, 1931 and 1945 won the State Championship besides being runner-up several times.

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## SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES by Tiki

My forecast of a close match between Kearsley and competition leaders, Weston, proved correct as there was only one goal in the final result and a great deal of credit even in defeat must go to Kearsley as they were unfortunate to lose their "stopper" very early in the second half and virtually played the second half with ten men.

However, let us now have a look at the prospects for this weekend when all Second Division matches will be played on a Sunday and the only easy match would appear to be Weston v. Charlestown and with 18 points separating the two teams, Weston should have no difficulty in recording a win.

Jesmond journey to Dudley-Redhead and here with only two points separating the teams, we should see an evenly contested match. The Dudley forwards have so far been more successful than those of Jesmond, but on the opposite side of the ledger, Jesmond's defence has conceded less goals than that of Dudley, consequently the result of this match could go either way and a win to either team is vital at this stage.

Pan Hellenic will be opposed to Young Wallsend and whilst it should result in a win for Pan Hellenic, Young Wallsend is becoming an unpredictable team, winning matches unexpectedly and losing matches one would expect them to win, so I am going for a win to Pan Hellenic, but will not be surprised at anything that may happen.

Slavia United is scheduled to play Merewether and the visitors could record their first win of the season as five of the Slavia players will appear before the P. & D. Committee of the Northern Soccer League and if the particular charges are proven, it is beyond the reaches of all probability that these players will be available on Sunday so that Merewether could meet a weakened Slavia and they will take full advantage of it.

The remaining fixture should be one of the most attractive of the weekend, when Belmont-Swansea will be opposed to Kearsley. Three points separate these two teams, but if Kearsley repeat their performance of last weekend, the Belmont-Swansea boys will have their work cut out to wrest the

two points away and yet the home team desperately need these two points to retain their possibility of entering the semi-final.

Toronto Diggers are at home on Saturday to The Entrance and should have no difficulty in adding another win to their present record.

On Sunday, South Wallsend plays competition leaders Hamilton Azzuri and with only three points separating the two teams, a battle royal can be expected. Hamilton Azzuri had a very comfortable win in the first round but they will find that South Wallsend is a much improved team from then and one that can be given no latitude whatsoever.

The other outstanding fixture on Sunday will be Macquarie Wanderers v. Nelson Bay. One point separate the two teams, although the Wanderers have a slightly better goal average. I will go for Macquarie Wanderers for the match, but only by a small margin.

Newcastle Tech. will be opposed to Barnsley and should result in a win for Barnsley, particularly as

there is a possibility that J. Foster, ex 1st Division player, will be playing for Barnsley. Newcastle Tech., on the other hand, has been showing improved form since T. Darcy has taken over their training and consequently this match could develop into a really exciting match.

Teachers College will journey to Bellbird and the local team should have no difficulty in recording a win.

It is becoming increasingly evident that some players are voicing disapproval or dissent from some of the decisions of the referee and it is time this foolish, stupid practice were stopped and it is the responsibility of each and every club to see that their players are not only instructed, but also carry out these instructions.

The man in the centre of the field with the whistle is in complete control of the match and even if he made a thousand errors, the players can do nothing about it, so what they should do is the job they are there to do — play football and talk less.

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### WHAT WAS BEHIND SECRET MEETING?

What's going on in Soccer that caused Mr. W. G. Walkley, President of the Australian Soccer Federation, Mr. Jim Bayutti, the federation treasurer and "big gun" administrator with the N.S.W. Federation, and Mr. Ben Nathan, one of the N.S.W. Federation top brass, to come to Newcastle last Saturday, without letting anyone in the Northern League know of their visit.

And what was the matter of importance that caused them to spend the time of their stay with Mr. Andrew Frew, Chairman of Directors of the N.S.W. Soccer Association, which now has no direct interest in Soccer promotion and which was ousted by the N.S.W. Federation?

And what matters of grave import were discussed when the four visited Mr. Roy Druery in his sick-bed

at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital?

Mr. Druery was Secretary of the Australian Soccer Association which lost out in its tussle with the Australian Soccer Federation, which gained the nod of approval from F.I.F.A.

Mr. Frew told "Northern Soccer News" a number of matters had been discussed but no reference made to Soccer House, in Sydney, which is owned by the N.S.W. Soccer Association.

He said some interesting suggestions were made during his discussions with the Sydney visitors but that nothing had been decided, pending further talks, so he would not issue a statement as to the purpose of the visit.

While the gentlemen who met are entitled to conduct

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